

LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

10, Bulkington Avenue,

Worthing.

June 1942.

Gentlemen,

Annual Report, 1941.

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2604, 2314 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics, 1941.

		Littlehampton	England & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	14.9	14.2
Death Rate per 1,000 population	15.1	12.9
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	62	59

Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were a few evacuee children in Littlehampton, all accompanied.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified :

Scarlet Fever	14	(12 in 1940)
Diphtheria	2	(15 " ")
Pneumonia	19	(15 " ")
Tuberculosis	17	(12 " ")
Erysipelas	3	
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	
Measles	260	
Whooping Cough	123	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	3	

Housing.

There were no new houses erected during 1941.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected
for housing defects (under Public Health
and Housing Acts.) ... 147

No. of inspections made for the purpose ... 532

Housing. Contd.

No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 2

Bacteriological Samples.

The usual samples of milk and ice cream were taken as follows :-

Milk ... 49 (34 gave satisfactory results)

Ice Cream ... 7 (4 gave satisfactory results)

Where the results were not satisfactory appropriate action was taken.

Water.

Samples of the public water supply have been examined regularly each month and were consistently satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. McGarry, as in former years, but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 4372 visits and inspections were made as compared with 5408 the previous year.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may as far as practicable be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.H.WILSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littlehampton Urban District Council.